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Saltwater Pipeline Leak Reported Near Arnegard

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health has received a report of a leak in a Statoil saltwater pipeline approximately five miles northwest of Arnegard in McKenzie County.

Company personnel believe the leak is less than a week old, as they report the line was visually inspected by air on July 18 and no leak was observed. Their preliminary estimates put the volume of the leak at 75 barrels. They are reviewing records to further refine that estimate.

Saltwater from the leak migrated towards an oxbow of Timber Creek and a small amount may have entered the oxbow. A dike has been constructed on the site to contain fluid on the surface. Environmental samples will be taken today.

Health department personnel are on the scene of the spill and will be working with the company regarding cleanup. Statoil has hired an environmental company to conduct remediation and restoration activities.

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